(v) with a view to encouraging backward integration, the custom duty on shuttleless looms has been brought from 15% to 5%. A programme has also been announced to induct 50,000 shuttleless looms and to modernise 2.5 lakh powerlooms in the decentralised sector by 2004.

(vi) Foreign equity participation upto 100% through automatic route has been allowed in the textile sector with a few exceptions.

(vii) National Institute for Fashion Technology (NIFT), its six branches and Apparel Training & Design Centres (ATDCs) are running various courses/programmes to meet skilled manpower requirements of textile industry especially apparel in the field of design, merchandising and marketing.

(viii) To prepare and sensitise the textile industry to confrom to the ecological requirements of importing countries by providing facilities by way of eco-testing laboratories.

(ix) The Government has launched a Centrally sponsored scheme titled "Apparel Park for Export Scheme" for imparting focused thrust for setting up of apparel manufacturing units of international standards at potential growth centres and to give fillip to exports. A provision of Rs. 14.5 crore has been made in the B.E. 2002-03 for providing assistance under the scheme.

(x) for upgrading infrastructure facilites at important textile centres, a scheme 'Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS)' has been launched. A provision of Rs. 15 crores has been made in the B.E. 2002-03 for providing assistance under the scheme.

Government and private sector mills in the country

1647. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the textile mills under Government and private sectors in the country, mill-wise;

(b) the number of mills which are closed; and

(c) the steps taken by Government so far to revive the closed mills in the contry?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) The details of the cotton/man-made textile mills under Government and private sector in the country are given below:—

Management/ Sector	No. of mills		
	Spinning	Composite	Total
Government	83	109	192
Private	1349	166	1515
TOTAL	1432	275	1707

(b) 405 cotton/man-made textile mills are lying closed.

(c) So far as NTC mills under Government of India are concerned, rehabilitation schemes have been approved by BIFR/Government involving closure of 66 unviable mills and revival of 53 viable mills. Implementation of the scheme has begun.

Public and private sector textile mills in U.P.

1648. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleaed to state:

(a) the number of textiles mills in public and private sectors in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the sector-wise number of persons working therein;

(c) the details of such mills which have been closed down in the State due to some financial crises; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) to (c) The details of cotton/man-made fibre textile mills under public and private sector in the State of Uttar Pradesh along with number of persons working and mills closed as on 30.9.2002 is as below:—